

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT  
GULF OF MEXICO REGION

# ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

*For Public Release*

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **05-JUN-2014** TIME: **1400** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **Union Oil Company of California**  
REPRESENTATIVE:  
TELEPHONE:  
CONTRACTOR:  
REPRESENTATIVE:  
TELEPHONE:

3. OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR  
ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

4. LEASE: **G00989**  
AREA: **EI** LATITUDE:  
BLOCK: **276** LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM: **C**  
RIG NAME:

6. ACTIVITY:  EXPLORATION (POE)  
 DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION  
(DOCD/POD)

7. TYPE:

HISTORIC INJURY  
 REQUIRED EVACUATION **1**  
 LTA (1-3 days)  
 LTA (>3 days)  
 RW/JT (1-3 days)  
 RW/JT (>3 days)  
 Other Injury

FATALITY  
 POLLUTION  
 FIRE  
 EXPLOSION

LWC  HISTORIC BLOWOUT  
 UNDERGROUND  
 SURFACE  
 DEVERTER  
 SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES

COLLISION  HISTORIC  >\$25K  <=\$25K

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE  
 CRANE  
 OTHER LIFTING DEVICE  
 DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.  
 INCIDENT >\$25K  
 H2S/15MIN./20PPM  
 REQUIRED MUSTER  
 SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE  
 OTHER

6. OPERATION:

PRODUCTION  
 DRILLING  
 WORKOVER  
 COMPLETION  
 HELICOPTER  
 MOTOR VESSEL  
 PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.  
 OTHER

8. CAUSE:

EQUIPMENT FAILURE  
 HUMAN ERROR  
 EXTERNAL DAMAGE  
 SLIP/TRIP/FALL  
 WEATHER RELATED  
 LEAK  
 UPSET H2O TREATING  
 OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID  
 OTHER

9. WATER DEPTH: **168** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **51** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION:  
SPEED: M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION:  
SPEED: M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: FT.

17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:

On June 05, 2014 at approximately 1400 hours, an employee was injured while attempting to check if a valve was leaking on the top of a test separator.

The injured employee (IE) was passing the test separator when he noticed the 1" vent line may have been leaking. The employee walked next to the vessel and stood between two 2" pieces of pipe that were less than a foot from the deck.

The IE reached over the vessel to check a valve on the vent line. As the IE was attempting to step away from the piping, he lost his footing and came in contact with a blind flange on the process piping injuring his ribs. The IE was transported to a medical facility where he was diagnosed with two fractured ribs.

The BSEE Lafayette District conducted an onsite investigation on June 06, 2014

18. LIST THE PROBABLE CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

The IE failed to observe his surroundings for possible trip hazards prior to attempting to depart the area.

19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

None

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

N/A

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): \$

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:

The BSEE Lafayette District office makes no recommendations to the Office of Safety Management (OSM).

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

N/A

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

**06-JUN-2014**

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

**Raymond Johnson / Wade Guillotte /  
John Mouton /**

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

**Elliott S. Smith**

APPROVED

DATE: **24-JUL-2014**